

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Pearson, Walker, Thornton, Sylvester and Burlingame. Commissioners Jackson, Blackburn and Richard were absent from the hearing. Also present was Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Deputy Director Carol Marsella.

The following cases were heard.

West Warwick Town Solicitor Timothy Williamson presented a progress report on the correction of deficiencies within the West Warwick High School and the Deering Middle School. The Board directed that Attorney Williamson return with a progress update on January 28, 2014.

APPEAL #130157: Mr. Shahin Barzin appeared for the property located at 162 West Main Road in Little Compton. Chief Rick Petrin and ADSFM Randall Watt appeared for the Little Compton Fire Department. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to hold this case over for an on-site inspection of the facility in October 29, 2013 at 10:00 AM. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130160: Mr. John Scullin appeared for the property located

at 46-48 Third Street in Newport. ADSFM Chris Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Sylvester and Thornton, to grant the Applicant a time variance in order to correct the outstanding deficiencies within this facility, including, but not limited to, providing this facility with a compliant fire alarm system, emergency lighting, exit signage, twenty-minute rated doors and approved 110 smoke and CO detection. The Board noted that there is currently a question as to whether this detection is required in the bedrooms of this facility. Accordingly, the Board granted the Applicant relief in this case not to provide smoke and CO detection in the individual bedrooms of this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130164: Thunberg Enterprises appeared for the property located at 1080 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown. ADSFM Christopher Heiner appeared for the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant a variance to allow the Applicant to maintain the benefit of section 38.2.4.3 and still maintain the existing travel distance from the proposed twelfth office within this complex

During the hearing on this matter, the Board was advised that the Applicant maintains a small low-speed wind tunnel that is more than likely incidental to the existing business occupancy. The Board was further advised that the building is fully sprinklered and alarmed and that the Applicant would provide an approved shut-down on the wind

tunnel activated by a shunt trip or other approved method, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Union Fire District Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted a variance in order to allow the business occupancy not to be separated from the area in which the wind tunnel is located. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130146: Mr. Peter Fontaine appeared for the property located at 96 Second Avenue in Woonsocket (Kevin P. Coleman School). Chief of Inspections Scott Caron appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Michael Morin appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairperson Filippi, to direct the Applicant to properly locate the Kindergarten and first grade classes in this facility, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office, on or before the commencement of the 2013-2014 academic year. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

APPEAL #130147: 250 Winthrop Street, Woonsocket (Citizens Memorial School)

APPEAL #130148: 192 Avenue A, Woonsocket (Globe Park School)

APPEAL #130149: 657 Logee Street, Woonsocket (Bernon Heights School)

APPEAL #130150: 990 Mendon Road, Woonsocket (Leo Savoie School)

APPEAL #130151: 777 Cass Avenue, Woonsocket (Woonsocket High

School)

Mr. Peter Fontaine appeared for the above Woonsocket Schools. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office and ADSFM Michael Morin appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant a final time variance for the separation of the main office areas from the lobby/egress ways of the above captioned facilities as follows. In the event the Applicant plans to separate the Office areas by means of approved sheet rock assemblies, the Applicant shall complete this work on or before the commencement of the 2014-2015 academic year in September of 2014. In the event the Applicant wishes to correct this deficiency by providing domestically supplied sprinkler coverage in these areas at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office, the Applicant shall be required to do so on or before the commencement of the 2015-2016 academic year in September of 2015. The Board notes that in granting this final time extension, that there shall be no further extensions granted by the Board and that the State and Woonsocket Fire Marshal's offices would thereupon be compelled to institute enforcement proceedings against the School Department. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Burlingame.

Respectfully submitted,

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